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SUBJ: (C) AGEE VISIT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS

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2. PHIL AGEE'S VISIT TO MANAGUA COINCIDES WITH PROGRAMMED

OCT 13 FSLN/GRN ORCHESTRATED DEMONSTRATION ENDING

"ANTI-IMPERIALIST" CAMPAIGN. AGEE'S COMMENTS DURING OCT

12 PRESS CONF ARE THINLY VEILED CALLS FOR ATTACKS ON

EMBASSY AND EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

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IN PREPARING FOR

SUCH A CONTINGENCY, MISSION HAS TAKEN FOLLOWING INITIAL
STEPS:

- DEPENDENTS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO HAVE BAGS PACKED
AND BE PREPARED TO LEAVE ON MOMENTS NOTICE; WE HAVE IDENTIFIED
ALL NON-ESSENTIAL MISSION PERSONNEL SHOULD ADDITIONAL EVACUATION
A/OR DRAWDOWN BE REQUIRED; SOUTHCOM HAS BEEN ALERTED
TO POSSIBLE NEED FOR EVACUATION; RECEPTIONS AND MEETINGS

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BY MISSION AND AMERICAN SCHOOL HAVE BEEN CANCELLED,
 - ADMINISTRATIVE PLANS FOR MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL TO
 TEMPORARY SAFEHAVEN SITE (CASA GRANDE) AND TO AIRPORT HAVE
 BEEN COMPLETED; EXTRA LOCAL POLICE PROTECTION HAS BEEN
 REQUESTED FOR EMBASSY; CLASSIFIED TRAFFIC HAS BEEN DESTROYED
 AND WE ARE MAINTAINING ZERO BURN TIME; AND WILL ARRANGE
 FOR TRANSFER OF SENSITIVE, UNCLAS MATERIAL TO PANAMA
 AND WASHINGTON; EMBASSY WILL CLOSE AT 1430 TODAY IN
 ANTICIPATION DEMONSTRATION CALLED FOR 1600.

3. I MET WITH WEST GERMAN AND VENEZUELAN AMBASSADORS WHO
 AGREED TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT SHOULD IT BECOME
 NECESSARY. NAMES AND TEL NUMBERS FOLLOW: FRG
 AMB FOLKER HAAK, CHANCERY NUMBER 25492, 25056, 25035;
 RESIDENCE NUMBER 58714; ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER RESIDENCE
 NUMBER 58527. VENEZUELAN AMB JOSE RAFAEL ZAPATA,
 EMBASSY NUMBERS 61864, 60553, 61016, 60765; RESIDENCE NUMBER
 75644; COUNSELOR RESIDENCE NUMBER 74796.

4. DESPITE MY REQUEST FOR A URGENT MEETING WITH FORNMIN,
 I WAS TOLD THAT MIN D'ESCOTO WAS TOO BUSY
 TODAY AND THAT TINOCO WAS BUSY THIS MORNING AND WOULD NOT
 BE IN DURING THE AFTERNOON. DURING MY 1400 MEETING WITH
 FORNMIN GENDIR CANDA, I INTEND TO STRESS GRN'S RE-
 SPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY OF MISSION AND PERSONNEL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHOULD OTHER ACTIONS OCCUR FOLLOWING THIS EVENINGS
 DEMONSTRATION, I WILL HAVE DEPENDENTS EVACUATED IMMEDIATELY.
 IF THAT SHOULD BECOME NECESSARY, CANDA WILL BE ADVISED THAT
 WE WILL CONSIDER IT TO BE CLEAR SIGNAL FROM GRN THAT
 FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH US ARE NOT REGARDED OF IMPORTANCE
 TO GRN.

5. DECISION ON NEED TO EVACUATE DEPENDENTS CAN NOT
 BE MADE UNTIL WE HAVE FURTHER INFO ON FSLN/AGEE PLANS.
 WE DO NOT WISH TO OVERREACT, BUT WILL INITIATE EVACUATION
 SHOULD CONDITIONS WARRANT IT. TO DO SO PREMATURELY AND
 UNNECESSARILY WILL NOT SERVE OUR INTERESTS. AT THIS STAGE
 WE REQUEST THAT WASHINGTON AND SOUTHCOM BE FULLY PREPARED
 TO SUPPORT OUR ACTIONS SHOULD THE NECESSITY BECOME
 CLEAR.

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6. I HAVE ATTEMPTED TO PHONE GRN JUNTA MEMBERS AND COMANDANTES DANIEL ORTEGA, BAYARDO ARCE AND JAIME WHELOCK TO EXPRESS TO THEM MY CONCERNS. ALL ARE "UNAVAILABLE."
GAMBLE

END OF MESSAGE

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